November 10th, 1797.

I have received Bourdon's letter, who says he deferred writing till he could learn from his colleagues whether the Directory will or will not receive my successor; and nothing is yet decided.
He says: "S'il est possible de finir avec Coles, nous le ferons; mais je ne vous le cache point; les dispositions dans lesquelles il 6tait lorsqu'il a quitt6 la France, le ton de hauteur avec lequel il parlait de toutes nos institutions republicaines, la morgue qui se remarquait dans ses discours et dans ses actions, tout me fait craindre qu'il n'apporte ici des pr6ventions qui pourraient nous empfcher de faire le bien."

November nth, 1797.

I had got so far when my man announced the arrival of Madame d'Anglures, Madame de Talaru, and Cesarine, who have taken a trip to see the " hermit of the forest." Your ears must have tingled, as we talked for hours of you and yours. They send you a thousand *embrassades.* Lavie has

gone to Switzerland. His daughter is at Paris,
endeavouring to procure the definite expunction